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Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.

SUBJECT: Wittstock Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. On 1 May, the Rote Muehle Inn, west of Wittstock airfield, was occupied by the staff and mess of a unit whose soldiers wore blue-bordered black epaulets and gold signal insignia. Two hundred to 250 soldiers of this unit were quartered in 15 to 20 large tents.

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the signal unit belonged to an air unit and that the unit was to move soon into the low wooden buildings near the garages.

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commanding officer  was a major and that they have been quartered in the cantonment since ~~25 April~~ 1952 after the previous unit had left.  the unit quartered in the Rote Muehle cantonment was to move into the temporary building No 33 between 8 and 14 June. (1)

2. After 1 May, about 50 German civilian workers repaired the low wooden buildings near the garages at the field. Another 100 laborers were to be employed on 12 May.

3. Between 13 and 15 May, a new unit whose soldiers wore red-bordered black and red epaulets arrived at the field. They were quartered in the tents about 200 meters north of the low wooden buildings and in other tents 600 meters farther northward. On 3 June, six AA guns with muzzle brakes were observed for the first time near the tents about 200 meters north of the temporary buildings. Between the guns there were three which were covered with tarpaulins. One of them was about 2 meters high and the two others were about 1.75 meters high. It was previously observed that about 20 officers, including 1 colonel and 2 lieutenant colonels, and about 90 EM of this unit had their meals in building No 22. The soldiers of this unit excavated a ditch, about 1.5 meters deep and 60 cm wide, which extended from the former gas bunker to the hangars on the edge of the landing field. A cable about 12 cm thick was being laid in this ditch. (2)

4. Major Rebashhevski (fmu), the previous chief of the Kech Unit at the field was to go on furlough on 3 June. (3) On this day, the new chief of the Kech Unit, a lieutenant colonel, made an official trip to the nationalized shipyard in Rechlin, Laerz airfield, a barracks installation in Neustrelitz and the saw mill in Penzlin. In Rechlin west of the road leading from Ellerholz railroad station to the shipyard at the site of the former clubhouse for the house for the Soviet Army was being constructed under the supervision of the Kech Unit stationed in Wittstock. This house was to have 40 rooms. The construction of four hangars

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was planned at Laerz airfield. The foundations were partly completed or excavated. Corrugated sheet plates for the roofing of the hangars had already arrived. (4) A newly erected kitchen in a barracks installation at the exit of Neustrelitz, east of the road to Penzlin was accepted. In the Penzlin saw mill, negotiations were under way on the delivery of long timber for construction work at Laerz airfield and the construction of a new building in Röchlin.

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6. [redacted] this unit would be transferred from Wittstock airfield to Neuruppin between 3 and 14 June 1952. The officers of the unit were to be billeted in houses on Stresemannstrasse, which were to be evacuated, and the EM were to be quartered at Neuruppin airfield. (5)

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- [redacted] 7. On 2 May, about 250 soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets arrived at the field. They were quartered in about 30 tents in the woods near Rote Muehle Inn. Six trucks, [redacted] hauled sacks filled with straw into the tent camp. (1) After 5 May, about 50 German workers repaired the low wooden buildings near the garages. Building No 18 of the former student company was not completely reconditioned.

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8. Between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on 6 May, there was local flying by eight MiG-15s [redacted]. At 9 a.m. on 17 May, three MiG-15s, [redacted] started local flying. The planes remained aloft for about 20 minutes. After their landings the aircraft were refueled from three tank trucks. The last take-off was made at 11:05 a.m. Between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 31 May, three MiG-15s circled the field. The weather was cloudless. Four MiG-15s practiced flying; between 8 and 11:30 a.m. on 3 June. Between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 4 June, there was flying by three MiG-15s, [redacted]

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[redacted] The aircraft were towed by trucks to the take-off point and after landing were towed back. Seven additional MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars. Between 9 and 11 p.m. on 5 June, there was night flying by jet fighters. The take-offs were made from east to west. The western end of the runway was marked by three red lamps on wooden poles. Makeshift ladders leaned against the poles, on which the lamps were suspended only during night flying activity. No other facilities were observed. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 6 June, 15 MiG-15s made local flights. Four U-2s were parked at the field.

9. In late May, building No 17 was completed. On 16 May, the staff of Koch office moved into the low wooden buildings 26 and 27 and into building 17. The tents near the Rote Muehle Inn were not yet occupied to capacity. On 22 May, [redacted] three groups each of 65 soldiers wore black-bordered blue epaulets. (1) About 100 German workers repaired low wooden building No 33.

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10. Between 2 and 4 June, an AAA unit was being emplaced on the west edge of the landing field. Four AA guns with muzzle brakes were observed. The soldiers were quartered in tents, near which truck [redacted] was parked. Twelve officers, including a colonel, were observed in the emplacement. Two different devices were identified in the middle of the emplacement. (2)

11. The following motor vehicles were observed in the area of the field: [redacted] 25X1

#### Trucks

[redacted] near buildings 11 and 9  
with ration supply, near building 9  
near building 1

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Trucks



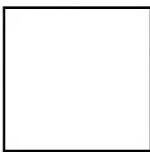
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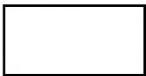
near the Rote Muehle tent camp  
near building 28

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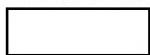
used by a colonel who has been again observed at the field  
for about 2 months; about 2 years before he was stationed  
at the field  
in front of building 12  
in front of building 25

Jeeps



in front of building 12

Tank Truck



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12. Between 11 and 21 May, there was only little flying activity at the field because of unfavorable weather. Individual local flights were made on 14, 17 and 21 May. On the mornings of 23 and 30 May, jet fighters made local flights flying individually and in elements of two. Throughout the day on 31 May, there was local flying. During the night of 2 June, there was intensive flying by jet fighters and conventional planes. On the mornings of 4 and 5 June, jet fighters flew, sometimes at high altitudes. On 7 June, there was individual flying by jet fighters [redacted]. Individual flights were made during the night of 9 June. Between 11 and 13 June, day flying was practiced by jet fighters most of which were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. During the night of 13 June, there was flying by jet fighters. It was observed for the first time that aircraft coming from the direction of Schweinrich fired at ground targets. A jet of flame was repeatedly observed in the air and, subsequently, a detonation was heard from the ground. (6)

13. A new telephone line extended from the field toward the west, about 100 meters north of the Rote Muehle Inn. Its end could not be observed.

14. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were digging in 5 or 6 AA guns of 70 to 80-mm caliber in a fenced-in terrain on the western edge of the field. (2)

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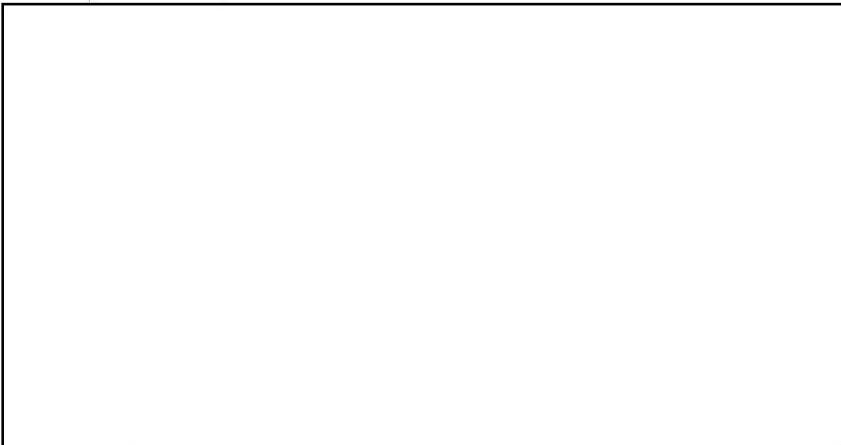
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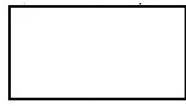
16. Between 9 and 10 a.m. on 14 May, [redacted] 25X1 10 swept-back jet fighters and 1 single-engine high-wing monoplane were parked at the field. At 10:10 a.m., three swept-back jet fighters took off. A radio installation consisting of a radio truck and a mast about 10 meters high was observed on a hill east of Wittstock-Alt Daber road, south of the approach road to the field. The Rote Muehle Inn was occupied by Soviet soldiers. A telephone line extended from the inn to the field. Four trucks [redacted] were parked in the yard of the inn.
17. It was rumored in Wittstock, that the airfield was to be vacated by the Russians and that it was to be released to the Germans for training purposes. (7) and (8)

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## Comments.

- (1) The concordant information [redacted] on the presence of an air force signal unit is received for the first time. It has not been determined whether this unit replaced another unit or whether it was merely transferred to the field. Wittstock is occupied by a fighter corps headquarters, a fighter regiment and apparently a radar operators school. It is unknown to which unit the signal soldiers are subordinate. [redacted] 25X1
- (2) The concordant information [redacted] on the presence of an AAA unit equipped with 85-mm guns is received for the first time. Thus, it is known that 15 airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany were equipped with AAA protection after mid-April. [redacted] most of the airfields were [redacted] 25X1 equipped with army AA batteries. The exact number of AA guns at Wittstock airfield is not yet known. The number of guns [redacted] varies between 4 and 6 AA guns. It appears that there is only one battery which, according to previous information, consists of four guns. For location sketch of guns, see Annex. For sketch of devices located in the middle of the AA gun emplacement, see Annex. The unidentified devices probably are a searchlight and its generator. [redacted] 25X1
- (3) The chief of Rech Unit who was transferred from Gera to Wittstock some time before is reported for the first time.
- (4) From previous reports on Laerz airfield it is known that two new hangars are under construction there.
- (5) The information on the transfer of the Rech Unit to Fourquin is credible since it was previously reported that the unit was stationed in Wittstock only temporarily.

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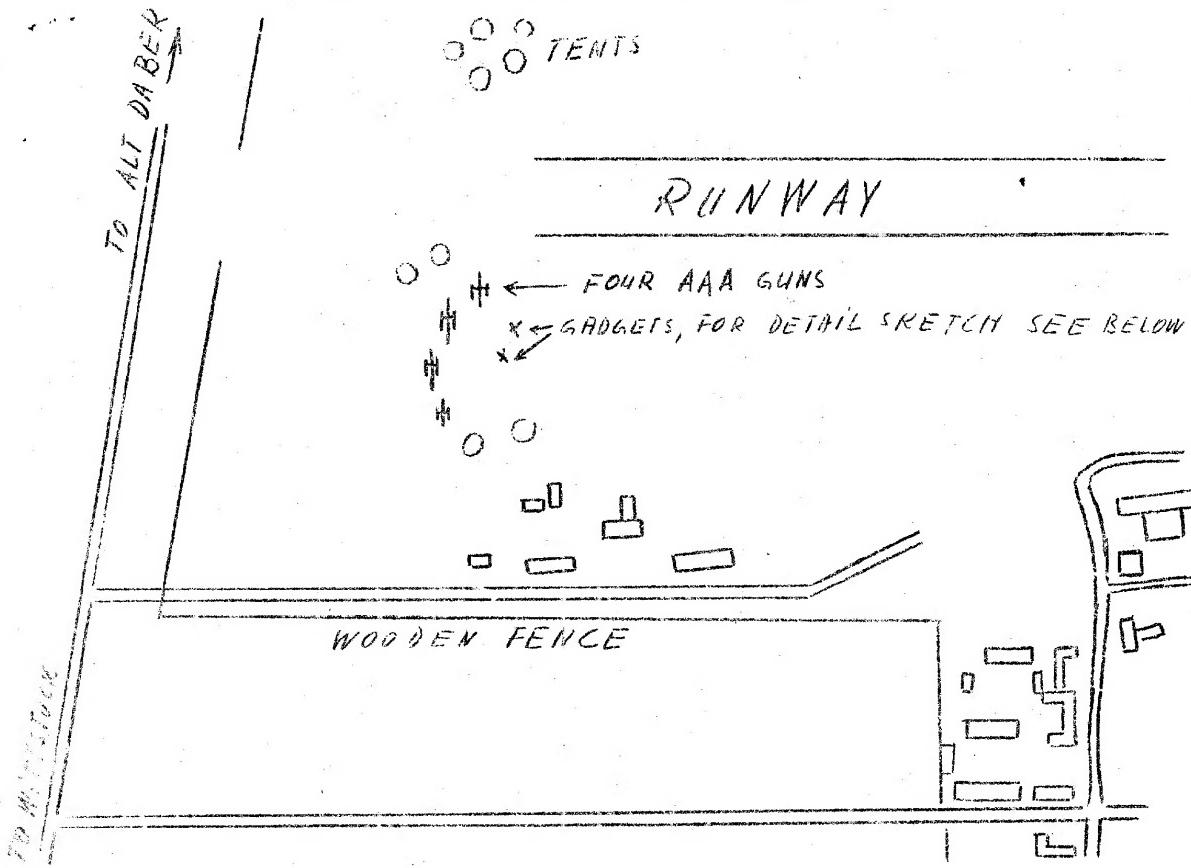
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- (6) Air-to-ground firing by MiG-15s at night is reported for the first time. [redacted] 25X1
- (7) The rumor concordantly stated [redacted] is still doubted because a number of air force headquarters and units are stationed in Wittstock. It would be possible to quarter the fighter regiment from Wittstock airfield on Neubrandenburg airfield whose fighter regiment was transferred to Puetnitz in early March, but it would be rather difficult to accommodate the other unit in Neubrandenburg. 25X1
- (8) The statements [redacted] on air activity supply a good picture on the status of training of the old fighter regiment in Wittstock. They contain no new information except for the first observation that air-to-ground firing was performed at night.

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Location Sketch of AAA Gun Emplacement at Wittstock Airfield

Devices Observed between AAA Guns at Wittstock Airfield

